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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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historic	John Snowden	House		
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city, town Be	ltsville	vicinity of	congressional district	5
state		county	Prince George's	s
3. Clas	sification			
Category district building(s) structure site object	Ownership X public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered notapplicable	Status occupied _X_ unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
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7. Desc	cription			Survey No. PG#64-3
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This was a two-story frame gable-roofed farmhouse; it was L-shaped, and had a central gable on the south main facade.

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8. Significance

This plain turn-of-this-century farmhouse stood on land which in 1982 was being transferred from the United States Department of Agriculture to the United States Secret Service. The house was destroyed in that year, and the site is being used by the Secret Service. (See attached memo.)

10. Geographical I	Data	
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11. Form Prepared	Ву	
name/title Susan G. Pearl	Research Hist	orian
organization Historic Preservat	ion Commission	date September 1985
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House

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## THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6600 Kenilworth Avenue • Riverdale, Maryland 20840



28 January 1982

#### MEMORANDUM

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History Division

John M. Walton, Jr., Coordinator, History Division

Re: Historic Site #64-3, "John Snowden" house

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This modest farmhouse appears to have been built at the end of the nineteenth century. It is of frame construction, two stories high, and L-shaped; there is a central gable with returned cornice on the south main facade. The main entrance is in the first bay of the south facade; this door opened onto a porch (now removed) which once spanned the entire south facade, including the inside corner of the ell. The windows of the house are generally 2/2, except for a modern second story window in the east bay of the south facade. The original German siding of the house is now covered with "red brick" asbestos shingle.

The roof is of synthetic shingle, and there are two chimneys: one modern interior chimney at the west end of the ridge, and one older one, with molded cap, near the center of the house at the ridge. Both presently serve heating pipes.

There is a shallow crawl space under the west section of the house, and the foundations, where visible, are of coarse pebbly concrete.

Because of concern about the condition of the floors, I looked into only three of the first story rooms. All details of this cursory examination of the interior suggest late (i.e., turn of this century) construction: circular sawn lathing, lack of fireplaces, and vertical-band wainscoting.

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The house is presently unoccupied, partially boarded up, and in deteriorating condition. It is, however, in my opinion, certainly salvageable.

This farmhouse is one of the "unclassified resources" listed in Appendix C of the recently enacted Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County. It was photographed, described, and mapped by site surveyors in 1973, but neither documentary research nor detailed architectural investigation has been undertaken. It is known as the John Snowden house because a house identified as that of John Snowden appears in this approximate location on the G.M. Hopkins 1872 map of Prince George's County. Title research will be required before a detailed history of the property can be written.

Although the location of the house was at one time undoubtedly very attractive, the house itself does not appear to have particular architectural merit. And although no detailed architectural investigation has been undertaken, cursory examination suggests that the present house is not as old as 1878, i.e., that the present house may have replaced the house identified as John Snowden's on the Hopkins map, probably at the turn of the present century. Although it was in 1973 included in the Inventory of Historic Sites because it was an attractive and typical modest farmhouse of that period, it is now deteriorating and of questionable historic or architectural value.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MAR 18 1982

Ms. Andrea Mones
Historic Preservation Officer
Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
National Capital Region
Washington, D. C. 20407

Dear Ms. Mones:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 requesting an evaluation of the historic significance of the John Snowden House (P.A. 64-3).

On the basis of the M-NCPPC's History Division's research on this program, staff found that the building did not meet the historic preservation ordinance's criteria to become a classified Historic Site. At its March 11th meeting, the Planning Board concurred with the staff finding.

Consequently, the historic resource is no longer under the protection of the historic preservation ordinance. CB-142-1981. The Historic Sites and Districts Plan will be periodically amended to reflect the results of reviews such as this one.

We appreciate your cooperation in the course of the research process.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Dukes, Jr. Chairman, Prince George's County Planning Board

cc: John F. Downs, Jr., County Planning Director
Susan Pearl, History Division
John Giannetti, Chairman, P.G. Co. Historical & Cultural Trust
James Boss, Chairman, P.G. Co. Committee, Md. Historical Trust
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The house is a 2 and 1/2 story, L-shaped farmhouse, with a gable facing the front. There is a porch that extends across the front and around the inside legs of the "L." The house has been covered with asbestos fake brick siding.

On the lot is a 2 and 1/2 story, barn-type structure of frame with exaggerated vertical massing.

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